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SUBJ: CSCE: LUNCHEON MEETING WITH ROMANIAN AMBASSADOR LIPATTI

SUMMARY: AMBASSADOR GOLDBERG, ACCOMPANIED BY AMBASSADOR SHERER  
AND DEL OFF (FROWICK) ENGAGED IN LIVELY AND FRANK EXCHANGE OF VIEWS  
OCTOBER 14 WITH ROMANIAN AMBASSADOR LIPATTI AND TWO DEL OFFS  
(DIACONU AND POPA) AT ROMANIAN EMBASSY. THE CONVERSATION FOCUSED  
ON BREZHNEV DOCTRINE AND ROMANIA'S INTERNAL RIGIDITIES IN ADDITION  
TO A TOUR D'HORIZON OF CSCE DEVELOPMENTS. LIPATTI STRESSED  
ROMANIANS' DESIRE FOR CLOSE TIES WITH U.S. DEL AT BELGRADE,  
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ESPECIALLY ON CBM'S. FOLLOWING ARE HIGHLIGHTS OF DISCUSSION,  
WHICH TOOK PLACE IN NOTABLY WARM AND FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE.  
END SUMMARY.

1. BREZHNEV DOCTRINE -- AMBASSADOR GOLDBERG COMMENDED ROMANIA'S  
EFFORTS IN RECENT YEARS TO STRENGTHEN ITS NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE  
AND RECALLED UNCERTAINTIES OF 1968, WHEN HE HAD CONSULTED CLOSELY

AT THE UNGA WITH FOREIGN MINISTER MANESCU, THEN USGA PRESIDENT, ABOUT DEVELOPMENTS IN EASTERN EUROPE (I.E. DURING CZECHOSLOVAK CRISIS). AMBASSADOR GOLDBERG EMPHASIZED USG'S CONTINUING CONDEMNATION OF THE BREZHNEV DOCTRINE ENUNCIATED DURING THAT PERIOD. LIPATTI CONSPICUOUSLY SKIRTED EXPLICIT DISCUSSION OF THE BREZHNEV DOCTRINE BUT TRACED ROMANIANS' DIFFICULT NEARLY 2,000 YEARS OF HISTORY, DURING WHICH THEY "HAD BEEN OCCUPIED BY FOREIGN POWERS THIRTEEN TIMES", AND CLAIMED ROMANIANS NOW KNOW HOW TO PROTECT THEIR INTERESTS.

2. ROMANIAN INTERNAL RIGIDITY -- AMBASSADOR GOLDBERG ALSO TOUCHED ON ROMANIAN INTERNAL SITUATION, NOTING THAT SOME EASING BY BUCHAREST OF LONG-STANDING TIGHT CONTROLS OVER THE POPULACE WOULD BE WELCOMED IN THE UNITED STATES. LIPATTI REPLIED THAT ROMANIA HAS SPENT ALMOST 14 YEARS SHAPING A NEW COURSE AIMED AT ADVANCING ITS NATIONAL INTERESTS AND REALIZES THAT ITS SOCIETY IS "NOT PERFECT".

THAT MUCH REMAINS TO BE DONE. "WE WANT TO DO MORE", HE SAID. HOWEVER, HE ASKED FOR UNDERSTANDING BY USG OF ROMANIA'S DIFFICULTIES IN THE CURRENT EAST-WEST HUMAN RIGHTS DEBATE WHICH HAS MAINLY RESULTED IN GREATER "BLOC PRESSURES" ON BUCHAREST TO KEEP INTERNAL DEVELOPMENTS UNDER CONTROL.

3. CSCE DEVELOPMENTS -- WITH REGARD TO THE BELGRADE TALKS PER SE, AMBASSADOR GOLDBERG ASKED LIPATTI HOW HE WOULD CHARACTERIZE INITIAL EVENTS AND WONDERED HOW HE MIGHT WRITE THE TALKS' CONCLUDING CONFIDENTIAL

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DOCUMENT. LIPATTI TOOK UPBEAT POSITION THAT THE MEETING HAD GOT OFF TO A REASONABLY GOOD START, WITH ALL PARTICIPANTS EMPHASIZING ISSUES OF PRIMARY INTEREST TO THEMSELVES AND WITHOUT UNDUE POLEMICS. HE HOPED FOR CONTINUING CLOSE CONTACTS WITH U.S. DELEGATION, NOTING HE HAD MET ASSISTANT SECRETARY VEST IN HELSINKI NEARLY FIVE YEARS AGO AND HAD ALWAYS ENJOYED GOOD WORKING RELATIONSHIPS WITH U.S. DELEGATION SINCE THEN, INCLUDING ESPECIALLY USEFUL CONTACTS AT GENEVA WITH AMBASSADOR SHERER. REGARDING THE FINAL DOCUMENT, LIPATTI LOOKED FOR THREE PRINCIPAL RESULTS AT BELGRADE: A) ON THE REVIEW OF IMPLEMENTATION SINCE 1975, HE BELIEVED DISCUSSIONS WOULD BE FRANK, THERE WOULD BE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PROGRESS -- EVEN IF LIMITED, AND OVERALL RESULTS WOULD BE JUDGED POSITIVELY; B) NEW PROPOSALS WOULD BE CITED WITH AN EYE TOWARD ADVANCING THE CSCE PROCESS OF INCREASED COOPERATION; AND C) "THERE MUST BE FURTHER FOLLOW-UP" ACTIVITY. LIPATTI MADE A SPECIFIC PITCH OF U.S. ASSISTANCE ON CBM'S. AMBASSADOR GOLDBERG INDICATED HE HAD ASKED FOR, BUT NOT YET RECEIVED, FORMAL INSTRUCTIONS RE U.S. POSITION ON CBM'S; ONCE U.S. POSITION WAS FIRM, HE WOULD BE BACK IN TOUCH WITH LIPATTI. LIPATTI EXPRESSED APPRECIATION AND REITERATED HIS DESIRE FOR CLOSE COORDINATION WITH U.S. DELEGATION. GOLDBERG

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